THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In Kashmir on Line of Control (LC) mainly army is deployed. While the average distance of BSF border outposts on the international border in the Jammu Sector is 2 kms., the distance between the BSF border outposts in the North East is 5.6 kms.

(d) and (e) It is proposed to raise fencing in another 2429.50 kms. length of the Indo-Bangladesh border. This is in addition to 857.36 kms. fencing already sanctioned. There is no proposal to fence other international borders in the North East.

New Financial Package for J & K

228. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new financial package has been worked out for Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Till date, no new financial package has been finalised in the year 1999 for the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) Does not arise.

Task Force for Curbing Cross Border Terrorism

229. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of getting severe drubbing in the war, Pakistan has increased cross border activities;

(b) what steps are being taken to crush such activities;

(c) whether Government are planning to create any special task force to exclusively deal with such activities;